



CITY OF STOCKTON

## THE WEEK THAT WAS

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A Report from the City Manager

May 16, 2003

### REHABILITATION INSPECTIONS

An inspection was performed on a single-family dwelling located at 226 Visalia Court, in the City portion of Boggs Tract. The inspector found the entire foundation failing causing the walls and floors to lean, a septic system that has started to cave in, and several illegal room additions without proper electrical wiring. There are currently no curbs, sidewalks or gutters in the area and the city sewer system is not available. A cost analysis of rehabilitation vs. new construction will be done to determine the best course of action.

An inspection was also performed at 2251 E. Sonora Street. An overcrowded condition exists in the home with seven persons living in the two-bedroom home. The rehabilitation counselor is recommending that an additional bedroom and bath be added to relieve the current overcrowded conditions. Other deferred maintenance items in the home include kitchen repairs, replacement of floor coverings, and fencing.

A 33 unit multi-family dwelling located at 429 Grant Street is

scheduled for inspection for on-going compliance with the provisions of the City's Rental Rehabilitation Program. (HRD)

### NON-PROFIT FACILITIES

Rough framing of the Emerald Pointe Day Care facility on Kelley Drive has been completed and the rough plumbing, electrical, and mechanical systems are now being installed. The roof covering is scheduled to be installed later this week. This facility is being built by ACLC with a CDBG loan provided by the City Council earlier this year. (HRD)

### 2003-2004 ACTION PLAN

With the City Council's approval on April 22 of the 2003-2004 Action Plan for the use of Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership, and Emergency Shelter Grant funds, Housing staff has been busy assembling all supporting materials and packaging the plan for submission to the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This week the plan was mailed to HUD for final review and approval. Staff now waits for grant agreements to arrive from HUD to formalize the receipt of entitlement funds. These grant agreements must be in place prior to the City drawing down

funds. The grant agreements are expected to arrive in August.

As stipulated in the federal regulations, once the City has the grant agreements in place, each sub-grantee organization receiving funding through the City of Stockton is required to execute a sub-grantee contract with the City. In preparation for the contract phase of funding with the City's sub-grantees, throughout the summer, Housing staff will perform environmental reviews on each project and draft contracts which will be forwarded to the City Attorney's Office for review. (HRD)

### MINI SWEEP

On May 7<sup>th</sup> staff from Neighborhood Services Division and the City Police Department conducted a mini sweep of Stacey Court and Sherill Court. This was done at the request of neighboring property owners. A total of 20 Violation Warning Notices were issued to property owners and tenants mainly for fences, junk/garbage/debris, vehicles on unapproved surfaces, repair of garage doors, damaged siding, and paint. To date

nine of the property owners have been in contact with staff and are either obtaining bids or making preparation for repairs and three others have already started improvements. City staff is pleased with the results of the joint action. (HRD)

## **NEIGHBORHOOD**

### **SERVICES CLEAN SWEEP**

May 12<sup>th</sup> Neighborhood Services staff began their re-inspections in the Valley Oak District. Of the original 120 Violation Warning Notices that were issued to property owners and tenants only 23 were given Administrative Citations for noncompliance. Thirteen were for substandard housing conditions and ten for public nuisance/blight issues. A total of 1,243 sq. ft. of graffiti was covered during the sweep. Of the original 20 vehicles posted for being inoperable, damaged or abandoned, only two were towed by staff, the other 18 had been moved or made operable. The results of this sweep are above average, with more compliance being obtained at the first notice. (HRD)

### **FREMONT STREET DEMOLITION**

The demolition of the commercial building at 428 East Fremont Street has been completed. This property has been vacant since 1989. It had sustained fire damage and had numerous structural problems. Attempts at rehabilitation were inadequate, which ultimately resulted in it being classified as a substandard building. The demolition work commenced on April 15 and was completed on May 7. Additional time was needed to complete the demolition due to the deteriorated condition of the structure and the small lot. (H&RD)

## **RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES**

### Full-Time Positions

Fire Telecommunicator (Lateral)  
Librarian I/II  
Plant Operator I/II  
Police Officer (Academy Graduate)  
Police Officer (Lateral)  
Police Telecommunicator I  
Senior Plant Operator

### Part-Time Positions

Lifeguards  
Swim Coach  
Gymnastics Instructor  
Umpires

Current vacancies are advertised on the City of Stockton web site [www.stocktongov.com](http://www.stocktongov.com). (PERS)

### **ELIGIBLE LIST ESTABLISHED**

The examination process for Librarian Trainee was completed and an eligible list of successful candidates was established effective May 15, 2003. (PERS)

### **HARASSMENT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION TRAINING FOR SUPERVISORS**

On May 12 City supervisory staff attended Harassment Awareness and Prevention Training for Supervisors. Instructor Tom Brierton, Associate Professor of Law at the University of the Pacific, explored the legal definitions of harassment and ways supervisors can prevent it from occurring. (PERS)

### **NO "THREE-PEAT" FOR DIRK**

The third annual "Pedal vs. Metal" race was held on May 9, with City Councilmember Gary Giovanetti driving one of the City's hybrid-electric vehicles and radio personality, and defending champion, Dirk Kooyman riding an electric-assisted bicycle from Delta Cyclery. The two raced to see if noon-time errands could be run faster by car or by bicycle. For the first time the car won. Councilmember Giovanetti returned a full one minute

before bicyclist, Dirk Kooyman. (PERS)

### **SECOND FIREFIGHTER AGILITY PRACTICE SESSION MORE PROMISING THAN THE FIRST**

On May 10 Personnel Services and the Fire Department conducted the second of several Firefighter agility practice sessions at Fire Station #2. Interested parties arrived from as far away as the bay area. The practice sessions demonstrated what the physical performance exam entails and how it will be administered. It provided an opportunity for attendees to participate in a hands-on physical agility exam; with the "how-to" techniques being offered by current City of Stockton Firefighters. Participants were provided with physical conditioning guides to identify exercises that will benefit those interested in a career in the fire service. Future sessions are scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon as follows:

June 14, 2003  
September 13, 2003  
October 11, 2003  
November 8, 2003

Call (209) 937-8865 to hear a recorded message that will answer additional questions. (PERS)

### **PACIFIC AVENUE BRIDGE OVER CALAVERAS RIVER (SOUTHBOUND)**

A Caltrans Bridge Inspection Team diver recently completed an underwater inspection as part of their scour investigation of the center support of the Pacific Avenue Bridge over the Calaveras River. The purpose of this inspection was to confirm the type of support piles, and to determine the extent of the scour erosion. This information is needed by

Caltrans to allow them to perform a hydraulic scour analysis of the structure.

Caltrans will forward the scour inspection report to the City once the hydraulic scour analysis is done. This report will address any work that Caltrans recommends. If work is required Caltrans and City staff will determine if it can be incorporated into the seismic retrofit work planned for the bridge next summer. If conditions warrant a separate emergency scour repair project may be necessary in advance of the other planned work. (PW)

### **STOCKTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Stockton Fire Department handled 698 calls for service in the week ending May 14:

71 - Fire types  
502 - Medical  
42 - Vehicle Accidents  
13 - HazMat  
70 - Miscellaneous  
698 -Total (FD)

### **CALLS FOR SERVICE**

On Friday, May 9, there was a structure fire in a vacant residence at **1426 N. Van Buren Street**. Damage is estimated at approximately \$20,000 to the structure.

On Saturday, May 10, there was a structure fire in a two-story, single-family residence at **328 N. Airport Way**. The building was being remodeled and was vacant at the time. Damage is estimated at approximately \$20,000 to the structure.

On Saturday, May 10, there was a structure fire in a vacant residence at **1145 E. Clay Street**. Damage is estimated at approximately \$2,500 to the structure.

On Monday, May 12, there was a second alarm structure fire at Premdoor at **340 W. Scotts Avenue**. The fire

originated in a dust hopper. No injuries were reported. Damage is estimated at approximately \$50,000 to the structure and \$250,000 to the contents.

On Monday, May 12, there was a structure fire in a single-story duplex at **9139 West Lane**. The fire originated in the fan above the laundry room. Damage is estimated at approximately \$10,000 to the structure and \$3,000 to the contents.

On Wednesday, May 14, there was a structure fire at Tammy's Hair Salon at **1139A E. March Lane**. The fire originated in the wall and was found extinguished by an employee. Damage is estimated at approximately \$750 to the structure. (FD)

### **ARSON INVESTIGATIONS**

Eighteen fire investigations were conducted in the last seven days:

- Eight outdoor type fires: four were arson, one was undetermined, and three were accidental
- Five vehicle fires: two were arson, and three were accidental
- Five structure fires: two were accidental, one was undetermined, and two were arson

A business and residence near the intersection of Golden Gate Avenue and Main Street were fire bombed with a Molotov cocktail as residents slept. There were no injuries or damage.

Five people have died from fire-related injuries this year. Dollar loss due to arson this year is \$506,000. (FD)

### **WEED ABATEMENT**

Properties on the "public nuisance" list are being checked for compliance. Administrative citations are being issued to those who have not abated or maintained their parcels per the Fire Department guidelines. Weed complaints

are being received daily and owners are being sent a courtesy letter or an administrative citation. (FD)

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

This week a fire safety presentation was conducted at Growing Tree Pre-School with 60 participants. A fire safety and fire extinguisher demonstration was conducted at Wallace and Martin Funeral Home with 15 participants. A firefighter career presentation was given at Brookside Christian High School with 30 participants. Also a facility evacuation drill was conducted at the County Motor Pool/Coop. Extension with 100 participants. (FD)

### **ONE BOOK, ONE SAN JOAQUIN EVENTS**

This week marked the end of the One Book, One San Joaquin reading/book discussion program with a public appearance by T.C. Boyle, the author of "The Tortilla Curtain." Approximately 300 people attended the free event, which featured Boyle reading from his works, answering questions from the public, and signing autographs. The event was at the Stockton Civic Memorial Auditorium; it was provided with funds from the Library & Literacy Foundation of San Joaquin County. Representatives from Barnes & Noble were on hand to sell copies of the author's works. LIB)

### **SUMMER READING CLUBS BEGIN**

The annual Library Summer Reading Clubs – one for children and one for teens – kicked off on Saturday, May 10. Three hundred thirty-one children and 83 teens registered throughout the County on the first day. Last year nearly 20,000 kids attended Summer Reading Club programs. This year new partners with the Library

include Diamond Walnut, The Haggin Museum, and Hometown Buffet. (LIB)

### **LIBRARY STAFF MAKE SITE VISITS TO LODI, AMADOR COUNTY**

Bob Lombardi, Automation Services Supervisor, and Anne Helgesen, Technical Services Supervisor, visited this week with staff at Lodi Public Library and Amador County to discuss matters related to the upcoming migration to the new integrated library computer system. Amador County and Lodi Public Library will contract with the Library to share the new system. While Amador has had a contract with the Library for several years, the agreement with the Lodi Public Library will be a new one. (LIB)

### **CHAVEZ LIBRARY FIRE ALARM SYSTEM**

ADT has completed repair, replacement, and adjustment work on the fire alarm system at the Chavez Central Library. (LIB)

### **LIBRARY DEPUTY DIRECTOR ON ORAL PANEL**

Library Deputy Director Patty Wong served on an oral board for candidates for the position of Deputy Director of Library Services for Santa Clara County. (LIB)

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS/INCIDENTS**

During the period May 8-14 the Stockton Police Department handled 6,256 calls for service, incidents, and/or reports. (POL)

### **COMMUNITY HEALTH ACTION TEAM (CHAT)**

The CHAT continued inspections of the Midtown Area. Follow-up inspections are ongoing in Reporting District 116, and the CHAT has moved into Reporting District 117. A 14-year-old male was arrested for felony

possession of drugs for sale and a stolen vehicle. Preliminary surveys of six properties for full housing inspections were completed and eight blight citations were issued. (POL)

### **GANG STREET ENFORCEMENT TEAM**

Activities of the Gang Street Enforcement Team (GSET) during the period May 4-11 included the following:

- Field Interviews - 66
- Felony Arrests - 3
- Misdemeanor Arrests - 0
- Felony Warrant Arrests - 0
- Misdemeanor Warrant Arrests - 1
- Traffic Citations Issued - 4
- Vehicles Impounded - 3
- Firearms Confiscated - 0 (397 guns confiscated since the inception of GSET and the VCSTF)
- Parole Searches - 0
- Probation Searches - 10
- Narcotics Confiscated - 0 (POL)

### **TRUANCY**

During the week of May 5-9, 23 juveniles were processed for truancy. Year to date 995 students have been processed for truancy, with 237 repeat offenders. Statistics reflect that overall truancy has decreased by approximately 16% compared to the same time period last year. (POL)

### **D.A.R.E. BASEBALL GAME**

An estimated 3,500 DARE students attended a Ports baseball game on May 13 at Billy Hebert Field. The event was organized by School Resource Officers to celebrate the students' graduation from the program. Approximately 28 elementary schools participated in the event, including those from Stockton, Lincoln, and Manteca Unified School Districts. Pre-game activities involved speeches by Chief Chavez, Ports General Manager John Katz, and two Stockton Ports players. A K-9

demonstration by Stockton Police also took place, along with an appearance by the Police Department's Equestrian Officers. The students thoroughly enjoyed the event. (POL)

### **DECOY MISSIONS**

As a result of self-initiated efforts of Directed Patrol Officers assigned to the Downtown and Midtown areas three recent decoy missions resulted in acquisition of approximately 14 seized vehicles. (POL)

### **ELDER ABUSE**

On May 8 two subjects were arrested for physically striking one of the suspects' 71-year-old mother. Both suspects had also been verbally abusing the victim, who says the two suspects have physically and mentally abused her over the past five years. (POL)

### **TELEPHONE SCAM**

An 81-year-old woman received phone calls from two people who told her she had won the Canadian Lottery. The elderly woman was told that in order to collect her winnings she had to send the taxes on the winnings in three installments to the police in Canada. The callers represented themselves as a Canadian Police detective and a tax collector. The victim had sent \$5,900 via Western Union before the Police Department was notified. (POL)

### **OFFICERS ASSAULTED**

On May 11 when Officers stopped a car for traffic violations at Volney and Ralph the driver had no license and was DUI. While transporting the suspect to the Police Department the subject began kicking in the backseat of the patrol car. When the Officers stopped to handcuff the man he jumped out and attempted to flee.

The Officers caught and restrained the man after he had resisted multiple taser dosages and fought with them for some time. (POL)

#### **POSSIBLE OVERDOSE**

Medical personnel found a man in his 20s under a bridge near Lincoln and Lafayette last Sunday night. The man was not breathing but was revived and taken to the hospital where he was placed on life support and later died. Hospital staff determined the man was possibly an overdose victim. The death is being investigated. (POL)

#### **INJURED TODDLER /CHILD ABUSE**

After a man called 9-1-1 on May 12 to report a child having seizures the 14-month-old toddler was taken to the hospital where it was determined he had serious head injuries not consistent with the man's statement. The child was flown to U.C. Davis Medical Center in critical condition. The man was the boyfriend of the child's mother. During an interview with Detectives the man admitted the child had actually fallen onto a garage floor from his arms as the man was attempting to open the garage door. The baby died from his injuries and the case is being investigated as a suspicious death. On May 14 Officers met with CPS workers who reported a four-year-old girl, possibly the victim of child abuse, had a bruised and swollen eye and scars on her back, possibly from being hit with plastic hangers. The girl also had a broken nose. After being taken to the hospital for evaluation and treatment of her injuries the victim and her nine-year-old sister were taken to Mary Graham Children's Shelter. (POL)

#### **ATTEMPTED SUICIDE**

On May 13 Officers responded to an attempted

suicide call in which a woman had tried to run head-on into a train near the Amtrak Station. A witness had stopped the woman but she had run away. Officers searching the area found the woman on top of a roof in the 800 block of South American, approximately 20-25 feet above the ground. She threatened to jump, placing her feet over the edge. Two Officers were able to grab and restrain the woman on the roof until Fire arrived to transport her to the ground. (POL)

#### **CENTRAL BUILDING MAINTENANCE**

**Fire Station Repairs-** The contractor has begun repairs to the roofs at Fire Station 1, 5, and 14. Crews have removed the metal roofing at Station 14. Once this station is complete the crews will move to the next station.

#### **Projects**

- Installed the countertop on the cabinet in the Ashburner Room.
- Made repairs to the dock at Louis Park.
- Work has begun on the base for the third toy soldier at the Children's Museum.
- Reworked the ducting at the Permit Center.
- Repainted exterior of Animal Shelter.
- Secured high pressure piping at Animal Shelter by installing additional support brackets. This was necessary because of inadequate supports installed by the contractor during construction.
- Finished Fire Company 2 lighting upgrade.
- Network wiring installed at Central Parking District.
- Final changes to the City Directory were received from the departments and have been forwarded to the printer.

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#### **CITY MANAGER'S MEETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS**

I held my respective weekly, bi-weekly, and monthly meetings

with Mayor Podesto; Councilmember Gary Giovanetti; Roger Storey, Steve Pinkerton, and Jim Giottonini.

I held a conference call with the State of California Department of General Services, along with Mayor Podesto, Michael Rishwain, Jim Rinehart, and Michael Matteucci.

I met with Ed Chavez and Mark Herder regarding Police Department issues. Gary Ingraham, Mark Madison, and I met to discuss MUD budget issues. I attended a meeting with the Financing Subcommittee of the Waterfront West Team.

I met with the Peer Review Team, Mike Eglinski, and John Finamore of the National Association of Local Government Auditors (NALGA) to discuss the operation of the City Manager's Office. I attended the Channel District Action Team Meeting.

Tom Truszkowski and I held a conference call with Robert Freed of KB Homes regarding Camera Estates. Gary Ingraham, Terry Parker, Bill Kay, Alison Moller, Gary Miller, and I met to discuss OMI/OE3 matters. Jim Glaser and I held a meeting with the Record's Editorial Board which consisted of Roger Coover, Jim Gold, Mike Klocke, and Kevin Parrish.

I attended the 2003 Law Day Luncheon at the Civic Auditorium. (CM)

#### **HAVE A GOOD WEEKEND!**

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